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no sensational announcement will be made at the Peoples Congress. The main emphasis will be German national unity with a playing down of Socialist or Communist objectives.

2. calling the proposed Volksrat a preparliament for the future Reichstag and the Praesidium a forerunner of a central government.

3. The Praesidium will certainly include Pieck and Grotewohl, and almost all of the following: Dr. Wilhelm Külz, Arthur Lieutenant, Dr. Schiffer, Hermann Kastner, Dr. Reinhold Schwartz, Prof. Hugo Hickmann, Dr. Leo Herwegen, Frau Dr. Stark (Berlin), Ottomar Geschke, Kurtschatter, Emmi Damerius, Barbara von Renthe, Frieda Radel, Erich Honecker, Edith Baumann, Bernhard Goering, Friedel Malter. No members from the western zones have been selected as yet. Hardly anyone is available outside of the KPD. Their places may be left open for them for the time being.



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